

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
Public Meeting Room A
Delta Township Administration Building
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Vedder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Clerk Janice Vedder, Treasurer Howard Pizzo,
and Trustees Jan Cunningham, Jeff Hicks, Barb Poma and Cara
Spagnuolo

Members Absent: Supervisor Ken Fletcher

Others Present: Manager Richard Watkins and Township Assessor Brian Thelen

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED TO EXCUSE SUPERVISOR FLETCHER FROM THE
OCTOBER 19, 2009 MEETING.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – None

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION – None

VII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – None

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES – None

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM, TRUSTEE HICKS, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE POMA, TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO, AND CLERK VEDDER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER

MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

2. Minutes

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING, AND THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

3. Bills and Financial Transactions

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED TO APPROVE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,108,679.50.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – None

XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

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XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5. **Adoption of Millage Rates** – The Manager's Office recommends the Township Board adopt the total millage rates for 2009.

Mr. Watkins noted that the 2009 Tax Rate Request form L-4029 was required to be filed with Eaton County in order to verify the Township's millage rates. He noted that the millage rates were consistent with what the Township had approved in the past.

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA ADOPT THE 2009 TOTAL MILLAGE RATES FOR 2990 AS FOLLOWS:

OPERATING MILLAGE	4.9287
PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER MILLAGE	<u>0.9896</u>

TOTAL MILLAGE	5.9183
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AND FURTHER, THAT THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO SIGN THE 2009 TAX RATE REQUEST FORM L-4029.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

6. **Reset Public Hearing to hear Objections for Special Assessment Street Lighting District** – The Clerk's Office recommends the Township Board reset the date of the public hearing to hear objections to a special assessment street lighting district for Harriet Street Lighting District.

TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY RESETS THE PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR STREET LIGHTING ON HARRIET STREET TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AND FURTHER, THE CLERK IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE HEARING AS REQUIRED AND NOTIFY THE RESIDENTS.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

7. **Appointment to the Delta Township Government Youth Council** – The Delta Township Government Youth Council advisors recommend the Township Board appoint Kristen Patterson to a one year term beginning September 1, 2009 to the Delta Township Government Youth Council.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPOINT KRISTEN PATTERSON TO A ONE YEAR TERM ON THE DELTA TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT YOUTH COUNCIL. SAID TERM IS TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AND END ON AUGUST 31, 2010.

TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

8. **Set a Special Meeting to Discuss the Draft of the 2010 Budget** – The Budget/Finance Committee recommends the Township Board set a special meeting for Monday, October 26, 2009, to discuss the Draft of the 2010 budget.

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA SET A SPECIAL MEETING FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE DRAFT OF THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA.

TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

9. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Application** – The Assessing Department recommends the Township Board approve the application for Farmland Agreement as requested by Richard Wagner.

Mr. Thelen indicated that Richard and Charlene Wagner had applied for a P.A. 116 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Agreement. He noted that the agreement would not affect the Township and that the application was more of income tax credits the Wagner's would receive to preserve farm land from development.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION APPLICATION AS PRESENTED FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9415 NIXON ROAD, DELTA TOWNSHIP, WITH THE PARCEL CODE NUMBER OF 23-040-030-400-087-00 OWNED BY RICHARD AND CHARLENE WAGNER, IT IS FURTHER MOVED THAT THE CLERK SHALL SIGN SAID APPLICATION.

TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - None

XVI. BOARD MEMBER, MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

10. Manager's Report

Mr. Watkins noted that there would be a rally held on Thursday, October 22nd on the steps of the Capital in regards to revenue sharing. He noted that the Fire Department would be holding training exercises at the O'Brian house located on Canal Road. Area fire departments would also be participating in a joint training at the Fairfax apartment complex tomorrow. Mr. Watkins indicated that he would be attending a MEGA meeting tomorrow morning for Auto-Owners and he provided an update on events planned for Greener Delta. He noted that the Employees Retreat was scheduled for November 11th where Lew Bender would be the guest speaker. Board members are welcome to attend.

11. Transportation Committee Update

Trustee Poma noted that the Township was in receipt of approximately 2,000 Public Transit surveys which was a good indication that individuals were interested in transit issues in the area.

Treasurer Pizzo indicated that the Budget/Finance Committee would be meeting tomorrow to continue the review of the Township's 2010 Budget. He noted the Committee would be looking at the Township's Fund Balance, changes that had occurred since the last review of the budget, as well as other issues that should be explored before the Board's special meeting on October 26th.

Trustee Spagnuolo noted that the Utility Committee would be meeting tomorrow to continue discussions regarding Oneida Township's request for sanitary sewer service.

Trustee Hicks indicated that he had spoken to a representative from Granger regarding the recycling of #5 plastic and he was informed that there was not a market for #5 plastic and that it wouldn't be feasible for Granger to offer to recycle the material.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*maximum five minutes*) – None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Vedder adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

JANICE VEDDER, ACTING SUPERVISOR AND
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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